

# EKREG

## Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2022

Present: Alasdair Bennett ('Chair'), Rhona Elder, Jerry Barnes and Rob Lee

Venue: Remote working: conference via Zoom

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### 1. Apologies for Absence

- None

### 2. Minutes and actions outstanding at previous meeting (Tues 8<sup>th</sup> March)

- No matters outstanding

### 3. Treasurers' Report

- There were no transactions to report. An up-to-date bank statement was tabled and approved at the meeting.

### 4. Correspondence with wind farm operators/developers

- Notification had been received that a Section 36 planning application had been submitted by RWE with regard their revised plans for a windfarm at Clachaig Glen on land contracted from FLS and subject to FLS contractual obligations pertaining to CSO) [**Action: AB to contact**]
- Notification had been received that BayWa r.e. were progressing the proposed development at High Constellation, scoping studies were underway and a planning application for turbines of increased height is planned to be submitted [**Action: AB to contact**]
- Correspondence had been dispatched in connection with SPRs development at Ear-  
raghail

### 5. SPR- BaT3

- **SPR/Iberdrola**

The first payment (£225K) was awaited in connection with the long-negotiated community benefit agreement for BaT3.

A brief meeting had taken place in Carradale with community liaison officers from SPR to highlight the local need for funding, the type of projects that BaT 1,2 & 3 CBFs will fuel in local development plans and to express firsthand EKREGs disappointment at SPRs refusal to offer CSO in BaT3 consistent with 2019 Scottish Govt Guidelines.

- **Community Investment Vehicle: Lussa Community Wind [LCW] Ltd**

Board meeting date to be scheduled as soon as the first CBF payment credited from SPR aka BaT3.

- **LES/CARES Grant/Tender documentation**

No updates to be reported

## 6. ESB – West Torrisdale (WT)

- A positive meeting with the WT project management team had been held and out-line approval had been granted by the Executive Board of ESB to further the equity-based CSO dialogue, and budget allocated to facilitate the necessary legal work required to establish the required internal ESB framework to facilitate. A 'road map' was tabled at the meeting which involved monthly update meetings to facilitate regular progress reports to be tabled.

## 7. Belltown Power - Cnoc Buidhe

No updates to report – scoping studies and environmental work underway

## 8. CC Charitable Bodies

No updates to report

## 9. Communications & Marketing

### - Marketing

Elements of the layout of the Kintyre Wind website were discussed, and RE agreed to take the lead in drafting the scheduled press release to be launched in parallel with the Kintyre Wind website [**Action: RE/all**]

### - Engagement Strategy

A date was still awaited for the retabling of the community petition entitled 'Share the Wind' (PE1885/C) promoting mandatory community shared ownership in Scottish windfarms via tax reform applicable to developers. The petition received significant support when tabled for a second hearing by the Scottish Governments' Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2022. Appropriate Minister(s) will be invited to be questioned at the next hearing. The aim of the petition: to gain a fair and just financial outcome for communities impacted by renewable energy developments. The positive discussion at the last hearing (@11.10) is archived @ <https://www.scottishparliament.tv/>.

### - Briefings/CC MoUs

- Once drafted, it was agreed that the BaT 3 press release should be shared with EKCC, WKCC and CCC in advance of its release.
- Plans were shelved to host an EKREG stand at a forthcoming CCT open day, as the event had been postponed to later in the year.

## 10. Governance

No updates to report

## 11. AOB

- No other matters were discussed

**DONM:** Tues 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022, 09.00 [virtual meeting: Zoom]